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In re the Application of

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For: PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND METHOD OF UTILIZING PHYSICAL  
DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 4, 5, 7 and 14 as follows:

4. (Amended) A physical distribution system in accordance with claim 1,  
wherein the carrier information terminal is mounted on the transportation medium.

5. (Amended) A physical distribution system in accordance with claim 1,  
wherein the carrier information terminal has a first section and a second section that is  
separate from the first section, and

the first section includes at least the tracing module and the traced position  
notification module and is mounted on the transportation medium.

7. (Amended) A physical distribution system in accordance with claim 3,  
wherein the specific person is either one of the recipient and the shipper.

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14. (Amended) A method of remotely managing a physical distribution information server in accordance with claim 11 via a network.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 4, 5, 7 and 14 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Attached: APPENDIX

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## APPENDIX

## Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

4. (Amended) A physical distribution system in accordance with claim 1any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the carrier information terminal is mounted on the transportation medium.

5. (Amended) A physical distribution system in accordance with claim 1any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the carrier information terminal has a first section and a second section that is separate from the first section, and

the first section includes at least the tracing module and the traced position notification module and is mounted on the transportation medium.

7. (Amended) A physical distribution system in accordance with claim 3either one of claims 3 and 6, wherein the specific person is either one of the recipient and the shipper.

14. (Amended) A method of remotely managing a physical distribution information server in accordance with claim 11any one of claims 11 through 13 via a network.

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